(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the force is proposed to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A proposal to set apart eight battalions from the existing strength of Central Para Military Forces to be trained and equipped for specialist response to natural and man-made disasters, including four battalions for responding to nuclear, biological and chemical emergencies is under active consideration.

World Bank Assistance to upgrade fire Fighting Services

28. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most States have submitted their project reports seeking funds to acquire sophisticated equipment for their fire fighting services, as part of disaster management infrastructure, to meet the challenge of growing terrorist activities in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are negotiating with the World Bank for Rs. 1,000 crore loan to upgrade fire services departments in various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Project reports have been received from fourteen (14) States as per details in the Statement (*see* below), on the basis of which a memorandum has been placed before the Twelfth Finance Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Project Reports of States

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total amount projected (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	242.00
2.	Assam	240.26
3.	Goa	27.72
4.	Himachal Pradesh	17.13
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	414.55
6.	Jharkhand	19.78
7.	Karnataka	104.56
8.	Manipur	34.49
9.	Orissa	165.32
10.	Sikkim	10.92
11.	Tamil Nadu	100.00
12.	Tripura	82.04
13.	Uttaranchal	39.83
14.	West Bengal	85.10
	Total:	1583.70

Policy to deal with Terrorism and Drug-Trafficking in North-Eastern States

29. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the comprehensive policy proposed to be framed to deal with the complex problems of terrorism, drug-trafficking etc, in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): Government is committed to restore peace and normalcy in the North Eastern region. The strategy adopted by the Government to improve the situation in the North East includes accelerated infrastructure development, stress on employment and good governance, building friendly relations with neighbouring countries,